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### **State Awards Contract for Feasibility Study of Relocating the Draper Prison**

**Salt Lake City, UT:** The State of Utah, Department of Administrative Services announced today the selection of a consulting team led by Wikstrom Economic & Planning Consultants, Inc. to perform a \$140,000 feasibility study on relocating the State Prison in Draper.

“Although the Wikstrom team submitted the only proposal received by the deadline, the State has no concerns with awarding the contract to the Wikstrom team,” stated Administrative Services Director D’Arcy Dixon Pignanelli. “We believe that Wikstrom Economic & Planning Consultants submitted an excellent proposal and we look forward to working with them to complete the study over the coming months,” continued Dixon Pignanelli. “We were not bound to accept the Wikstrom proposal,” added Dixon Pignanelli. “If we were not satisfied, we had the option of soliciting additional proposals.”

Karen Wikstrom, principal owner of Wikstrom Economic & Planning Consultants, Inc., has extensive experience in performing public planning and economic analysis services in a wide range of projects throughout Utah including the Daybreak Development in Salt Lake County and the redevelopment of the Geneva Steel property in Utah County.

The Wikstrom team includes national and international level consultants, all with significant previous work in Utah. Phillip Cook, of LECG Corp., will perform the real estate appraisal work. Carter Goble Associates and DMJM will address the cost of developing and operating a replacement prison.

The study will estimate the value that might be obtained from selling the current Draper Prison property and the cost of developing a replacement prison. The study will identify communities that are capable of supporting the staffing and services necessary for a prison operation. It will then gauge the level of acceptance in communities that have the greatest potential.

“Public input will be accepted throughout the entire study,” added Dixon Pignanelli, “and public hearings will be held in November to discuss the draft findings and recommendations of the study. We look forward to the continued public dialogue on this important policy issue.”

Public comment can be submitted throughout the study at [PrisonStudyComments@utah.gov](mailto:PrisonStudyComments@utah.gov). The study is expected to be completed by December, 2005.